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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
June 5, 2013

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Keith Gilles, Chairman
Stan Dixon
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Susan Britting
Mike Miles
Richard Wade
Stuart Farber
Mary Rickert

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Duane Shintaku, Asst. Deputy Director, Forest Practice
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Protection

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

Call to Order

Chairman Gilless called the June 5, 2013 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

Approval of Minutes

Deferred

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman

The Chairman thanked Beaty and Associates and CAL FIRE for the tour that was given at LaTour Demonstration State Forest on June 4. He also thanked Executive Officer Gentry for arranging the tour and for those scheduled on future dates.

Report of the Department - Full Report available on the Board's website.

- Forest Practice Civil Prosecutions Update: Three out of the four (new) 2013 cases have been signed and are in the mail for service to the respective respondents.
- Wildlife Habitat Relationship System (WHR) – Large, Old Trees: CAL FIRE and CDFW staff met with representatives from Green Diamond Resources Company and Sierra Pacific Industries on May 21st in a second-growth redwood forest near Korb, CA. The purpose of the visit was to discuss classification criteria for WHR-6 in light of the July 2007 paper by Monica Parisi, R. Motroni, and T. Robards: Clarification of the Measurement of California Wildlife Habitat Relations (CWHR) System Size Class 5 and 6 for Tree Habitats.
- Fire Salvage/Emergency Notices, THPs/Northern California Significant Timber Fires as of May 29, 2013: Earlier this month the 6,965 acre Panther Fire affected two large industrial timberland owners and an Emergency Notice (EM) has been submitted.
- Southern Forest District – Forest Practice Update: There has been an increase of over 100 percent in the number of Exemptions and Emergency Notices submitted in Southern California as of this time last year. Most of these are associated with the Forest Care Project (fed cost share program). Of the 209 Exemptions submitted so far this year, 96% have been in San Bernardino County, and approximately 7 percent of these La Malfa 1038(i) Forest Fire Prevention Exemptions.
- Firewood Task Force: The Firewood Task Force met May 15th to finalize plans for this year's "Buy It Where You Burn It" campaign to educate the public about invasive forest pests that can spread via firewood.
- Redwood Valley Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Control II: CAL FIRE is furthering cooperation with partners and landowners on a follow-up to the award-winning SOD control project conducted in Redwood Valley, Humboldt County.
- Southern Region Forest Pest Training Planned: USDA Forest Service Forest Health Protection and CAL FIRE will host an insect and disease training on June 11th and 12th at the Danny Rhynes Interagency Training Center, San Bernardino National Forest, Supervisor's Office in San Bernardino.
- California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP): Staff continues to work on several high-profile Public Record Act requests (PRA's) for CFIP projects in Eldorado County contracted to Eldorado County Supervisor Ray Nutting and Tom Nutting.
- LAMRC State Seed Bank: Facility improvements at LAMRC are well under way with cooperation from CAL FIRE Technical Services staff Mike Duggan and Mike Vierria. In addition to ongoing improvement to the facility office, ground was broken in May for the new State Seed Bank storage freezer.
- VMP RM 75 Agreement: The agreement form between CAL FIRE and landowners to implement VMP projects expired on April 30, 2013. It is expected that the new RM 75 form will be approved by DGS for use by CAL FIRE in June or July 2013.
- **VTP EIR:** CAL FIRE executives are working with Senate staff on 2013/14 budget bill language that could limit the use of the in-process VTP EIR during the coming budget year.

- Three THPs and six timber sale contracts are under review on State Forests. Two timber sale contracts are ready to operate.
- Researchers from the University of North Texas returned to Soquel Demonstration State Forest to check the research sites for measuring atmospheric deposition within various vegetation types.
- At Soquel Demonstration State Forest, the in-stream water temperature monitoring project in Soquel Creek is ongoing.
- The Caspar Watershed annual work planning meeting was held at Howard Forest.
- Fire Protection and Prevention appointed Shane Cunningham to Staff Chief for the Law Enforcement and Civil Cost Recovery programs.
- Fire Protection staff will be providing an intensive Statewide training with federal partners June 3-7, explaining the details of the newly executed California Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (CFMA), covering suppression and prevention responsibilities in Direct Protection Areas.
- CAL FIRE is continuing to monitor fuel conditions throughout the State due to the lack of precipitation. To date, Redding is experiencing the driest January through April in 49 years with just 37.4% of normal rainfall. It's also been the driest January through March for Tahoe City on record. Tahoe City has been keeping records since 1910.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator-Eric Huff

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| • NSO Protection
Protection Measures, 2013 | Initial Hearing July 10, 2013 |
| • §1299 AB 1595
Defensible Space | Partial Approval
Effective April 1, 2013 |

Report of Executive Officer.

No Report

Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair

- Focused on Road Rules. The committee plans to complete their review and comments in July.
- Discussed NSO upcoming hearing and changes to the rule.
- Viewed a PowerPoint presentation on Class II-L
- Discussed the Hills Emergency Forum and three options for restoration potential, possibly using the Aspen Rule template.
- 8951 definition of commercial species in the rule book.

06-13-01 Member Andre moved to remove Eucalyptus from the Group B list and move Monterey Pine from Group A to Group B and put out for 45-Day Notice for Rulemaking. Member Britting seconded the motion and recommended a friendly amendment to the motion to include the Southern district. Member Andre accepted the amendment.

Chairman Gillless called for a Roll Call vote.

Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Saito	Aye
Dixon	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Farber	Aye
Miles	Aye
Gillless	Aye

The Motion passed unanimously

Resource Protection, Bruce Saito

- Reviewed possible changes to Title 14 CCR 1299 et. seq. regarding measures for woodpiles.
- Continued discussion on Utility Vegetation Management Update.
- Continued discussion on Vegetation Treatment Program EIR.
- There was an update on Wildland Prevention Engineering. Mike Wilson, Assistant Chief, Wildland Fire Prevention
- Reviewed the Fire Safe Regulation Update.
- Reviewed the Safety Element Process.

Public Comment

Gary Ryneanson, Green Diamond Resource Co. wanted make the Board aware of budget language that is being reviewed relative to the Vegetation Management EIR, that excludes multiple counties of California from using budget money for treatment of chaparral for fire hazard reduction.

Management, Stan Dixon

Member Farber gave an update on the discussions and progress made on the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Charter. Management Chair and Member Farber recommended to full Board to send out for 30 day comment period.

06-13-02 Member Farber moved to put out for 30 day comment period for the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Charter with edits. Member Rickert seconded the motion.

Chairman Gilles called for a Roll Call vote.

Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Saito	Aye
Dixon	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Farber	Aye
Miles	Aye
Gilles	Aye

The Motion passed unanimously.

06-13-03 Stan Dixon moved to approve the Research Guidance document for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Member Farber seconded the motion.

Chairman Gilles called for a Roll Call vote.

Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Saito	Aye
Dixon	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Farber	Aye
Miles	Aye

Gilless

Aye

The Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

- **Forest Pest Council-**
 - **California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) –**

Phytophthora ramorum-positive *Rhododendron* plants were identified at a Lane County, Oregon retail nursery on 5/23. This brings the total number of 2013 infested Oregon nurseries to seven; four of the seven nurseries had positive detections in previous years.

Washington had two re-wholesale nurseries found *P. ramorum* positive in May (in Thurston and King County) during recertification surveys.

- **Monitoring Study Group- George Gentry (Full report can be found on the BOF website)**

Meeting on June 12 in Ukiah, one focus of the meeting will be to discuss the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee. There will be a presentation by Dr. Kate Sullivan.

- **Research and Science Committee- George Gentry**
No report
- **Committee on Criminal Trespass- George Gentry**
The Executive Officer hopes to have several presentations on various issues regarding Criminal Trespass in the near future. Humboldt has been very active analyzing the economics of marijuana as well as the environmental impacts related to cultivation.
- **Range Management Advisory Committee- George Gentry**
No report
- **Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias**
No action items
- PFEC is in the midst of the RPF renewal process. The committee will be meeting on June 20. A proposal for changes to the CRM Guidelines are being worked on and reviewed and it is hoped to have a proposal ready to present to the Board in July or August.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS

HEARING: The Board considered revisions to a subsection of the § 1299 “Defensible Space, 2012” regulatory amendments adopted by the Board following a regulatory hearing conducted on January 9, 2013.

Regulations Coordinator, Eric Huff gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the § 1299 “Defensible Space, 2012” Rule.

06-13-04 Member Saito moved to approve amendments for the § 1299 “Defensible Space, 2012” Rule. Member Rickert seconded the motion.

Chairman Gilless called for a Roll Call vote.

Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Saito	Aye
Dixon	Aye
Rickert	Aye

Farber	Aye
Miles	Aye
Gilless	Aye

Discussion and Review of the LaTour Management Plan Revisions.

Possible action item: The Board may approve the proposed management plan revisions

06-13-05 Member Dixon moved to approve to authorize staff to finalize the Initial Statement of Reasons and prepare a mitigated negative declaration for consideration for LaTour Management Plan Revisions. Member Farber seconded the motion.

Chairman Gilless called for a Roll Call vote.

Britting	Aye
Andre	Aye
Wade	Aye
Saito	Aye
Dixon	Aye
Rickert	Aye
Farber	Aye
Miles	Aye
Gilless	Aye

The Motion passed unanimously.

Report on Landscape Level Surveys for Northern Spotted Owl. Sierra Pacific Industries

Ed Murphy and Kevin Roberts of SPI reviewed NSO surveys for their lands primarily in Trinity County since 1989. The figures show a stable population.

CONCLUSION

Public Forum

- Troy Bartolomei, Deputy Director, Shasta County Public Works gave an update on road maintenance on the Battle Creek Watershed.
- Richard Gienger, AB875 passed Assembly, reported on progresses on VTAC
- Mahaia Sol reported on Arctic sea ice loss and its effects on the environment.
- Mauro Oliviero reported on Arctic sea ice loss and its effects on the environment.
- Ciyin Oliviero, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Aren Olivera, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Randy Compton, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Rizingmoon, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Carisa, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Sue Lynn, negative effects of clearcutting and on the environment.
- Marylee Woodhouse, provided a PowerPoint presentation on clearcutting reiterating previous speakers thoughts.

New and Unfinished business

None

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George D. Gentry".

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Keith Gilles".

J. Keith Gilles
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.